

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of customizing a dictionary used for speech recognition, comprising the steps of:

extracting user-specific vocabulary from a set of registered user profile information;

and

generating a new customized sentence by inserting at least one word in said user-specific vocabulary into a slot of a sentence template and storing said customized sentence into said dictionary, wherein said customized sentence stored in said dictionary is used for recognizing speech input by a user that is converted into voice data and collated ~~inputted by said user by collating said user speech input~~ with said customized sentence.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of customizing a dictionary according to claim 7, wherein said set of registered user profile information is generated based on inputted answers to a questionnaire for said user.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of customizing a dictionary according to claim 7, wherein said sentence template includes slot definition information including a category of words that can be inserted in said slot, and said at least one word in

said user-specific vocabulary is inserted in said slot according to said slot definition information.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage media readable by a computer for storing a customizing program for customizing a dictionary used for speech recognition, said customizing program ~~enables~~enabling the computer to perform the steps of:

extracting user-specific vocabulary from a set of registered user profile information;
and

generating a new customized sentence by inserting at least one word in said user-specific vocabulary in a slot of a sentence template and storing said customized sentence into said dictionary, wherein said customized sentence stored in said dictionary is used for recognizing speech ~~inputted by said user by~~input by a user that is converted into voice data and collated ~~collating said user speech input~~ with said customized sentence.

11. (New) A method of customizing a dictionary according to claim 7, wherein said step of storing said customized sentence into said dictionary includes storing said customized sentence as a time series of feature vectors.

12. (New) A method of customizing a dictionary according to claim 7, wherein said step of storing said customized sentence into said dictionary includes storing said customized sentence as a time series of feature vectors and said step of recognizing the input speech by collating said corresponding voice data with said customized sentence includes collating

values of a time series of feature vectors of the input speech with the stored time series of feature vectors of the customized sentences in the sentence dictionary.

13. (New) A storage media readable by a computer for storing a customizing program for customizing a dictionary used for speech recognition according to claim 10, wherein said step of storing said customized sentence into said dictionary includes storing said customized sentence as a time series of feature vectors.

14. (New) A storage media readable by a computer for storing a customizing program for customizing a dictionary used for speech recognition according to claim 10, wherein said step of storing said customized sentence into said dictionary includes storing said customized sentence as a time series of feature vectors and said step of recognizing the input speech by collating said corresponding voice data with said customized sentence includes collating values of a time series of feature vectors of the input speech with the stored time series of feature vectors of the customized sentences in the sentence dictionary.